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Dear Parents

This is a very different ending to the academic year! Normally we would be reflecting on all the wonderful events that should have taken place. Instead, we want to focus on the positives of this very difficult time for us all. Our children have been amazing – none of us could have predicted how resilient they have been in coping with such a change to their normality. Despite having to adjust to a totally different way of learning, they have kept going. We have had to adjust to teaching children in a totally different way and your on-going support helped us to do the best for our pupils. Insha'Allah we can move to a more usual way of working in September.

Although we are very hopeful that we will be able to have all the children back into school in September, we doubt it will be exactly business as usual. Over the summer, in accordance with each new piece of government guidance, we will plan for their return to ensure that we can keep them as safe as possible. We will communicate with you later in the summer holiday with the detailed arrangements for the Autumn Term.

### **Uniform**

Due to the current circumstances, we have made the decision communicated to you earlier on, to allow pupils to wear their own clothes, rather than school uniform until at least December 2020. This will make it easier for pupils to wear a new set of fresh, clean clothes every day.

Pupils every day wear to school should be smart and practical.

- **Foundation Stage – Nursery and Reception:** Pupils should wear tracksuit bottoms and a t-shirt or long-sleeved cotton top and trainers with Velcro fastenings.
- **Key Stage 1 – Year 1 and Year 2:** Pupils should wear: trousers with long sleeved top or a dress with leggings, tights or socks, trainers or black school shoes with Velcro fastenings.
- **Key Stage 2 – Year 3 to Year 6** Pupils should wear: trousers with long sleeved top or a dress with leggings or tights, trainers or black school shoes. Girls must bring in a scarf in a labelled plastic bag.

**All pupils must bring a rain jacket every day** as we aim to ensure children spend as much time as possible outdoors every day.

**Pupils from Year 3 to Year 6** must bring in own prayer mat in a labelled carrier bag.

**On P.E. days** all pupils must come to school in their P.E. clothes, i.e. track suit and trainers. Class timetables will be shared with parents in September, there will be no P.E. in the first week back.

P.E. can only be done outdoors; it is vital that all pupils have their **rainproof jackets** with them.

**Not permitted:** Jewellery (except stud earrings), jeans, ballerina type slip-on shoes

### Extra-curricular programme and trips

Due to the current circumstances there will be no after-school clubs / activities during the Autumn Term.

In September, depending upon the public health situation at that time, we will risk assess whether we can run any day trips in the Autumn term.

### Timings of the school day

Year Group Sept 2020	Drop Off	End of Day	Gate	Entry into building
Year 6 and Year 5	8:30 am	3:15 pm	Side gate near nursery	Back door
Year 4 and Year 3	8:30 am	3:15 pm	Main gate staff car park	Dining room
Year 2 and Year 1	8:45 am	3:30 pm	Side gate near nursery	Back door
Reception	8:45 am	3:30 pm	Main gate staff car park	Nursery playground gate
Nursery	9:00 am	3:30 pm	Side gate near nursery	Nursery door

Please note, as we will continue to follow government guidance in September, this might mean we have to further stagger the start and end times of the day. We will therefore be writing to parents at the end of August with more updated details about the school timings for the start of the Autumn Term and give more details regarding which entry/exit parents need to drop off their child/ren.

### Breakfast Club

7:45am to 8:45am – Pupils must be dropped off at the main gate no later than 8 am.

### Holiday Homework

- **Reading**

*We ask that all children read on a daily basis.*

Useful websites and further tips and ideas will be sent in a separate email.

- **Writing**

Please encourage your child to write from time to time. This could be in form of a diary, emailing/writing to friends or writing a story

<https://authorfy.com/> has free unlimited access to author masterclasses to help with pupils' writing skills.

Access to English workbooks for pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 can be found here:

<https://www.englishmastery.org/our-response-to-coronavirus-covid-19/>

- **Maths**

We recommend that children do a few of maths activities every week and suggest the following to provide useful reinforcement/consolidation/revision:

- Year 1 to Year 6 have been allocated Maths activities/games on ActiveLearn
  - [www.mathszone.co.uk](http://www.mathszone.co.uk)
  - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>
  - <https://www.mathschase.com/>
  - <https://www.timestables.co.uk/>
- Workbooks for Year Groups (handed to parents with school reports)
    - We have sent home incomplete workbooks that children can do over the summer.
  - Personal, social and emotional:
    - Activity booklets for children of Reception to Year 6 were sent home with the annual school report. Activities in the booklet are to encourage and promote discussion between parents and children about returning to school in September.
  - The CENTRURY platform for Year 3 to Year 6
    - Will be kept open for children to access to help keep their skills sharp for September.

For Health & Safety reasons we ask you not to bring in completed workbooks or any other work done. Photographs of work can, of course, be uploaded on Dojo/Tapestry as usual.

Most importantly, we want our children to have a good rest and time away from work as well as from a screen.

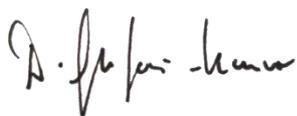
Lastly, we would like to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils. They have fully contributed to life at MMPS and have demonstrated a very positive attitude towards everything they have done. They will be missed but we know that they are ready for the next stage of their education and we wish them well as they move to Year 7.

Finally, thank you to all parents for your support this year. Your feedback has made us stronger and your encouragement has really made a difference to staff morale during some of the difficult days of lockdown.

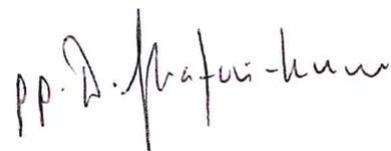
Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, insha'Allah.

Jazak'Allah khair.

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